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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: NAS - SOV ACADEMY PROGRAM

FOR SCICOUNS

1. BY CABLE DECEMBER 27 NAS PRESIDENT HANDLER PROPOSED TO SAS PRESIDENT KELDYSH THAT, PENDING EARLY NEGOTIATION OF NEW INTER-ACADEMY EXCHANGE AGREEMENT, THE ACADEMIES CONTINUE 1972-1973 AGREEMENT IN EFFECT. HANDLER REQUESTED CABLE CONFIRMATION OF CONCURRENCE, BUT NO REPLY YET RECEIVED. DEPT. AND NAS WOULD APPRECIATE SCICOUNS APPROACHING KORNEEV TO ASCERTAIN STATUS THIS MATTER. FYI: NAS EXPECTS TO FORWARD DRAFT OF NEW AGREEMENT THIS WEEK. END FYI.
2. IN JANUARY 11 CABLE TO KORNEEV, MITCHELL (NAS) SOUGHT CONFIRMATION THAT JOINTLY SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM ON PYRIDOXAL PHOSPHATE ENZYMES, WHICH WAS AGREED UPON BY NAS AND SAS PRESIDENTS AS RECORDED IN THEIR PROTOCOL TALKS OF JULY 2, 1973, WOULD OCCUR UNDER TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 10 AND 17 OF INTERACADEMY EXCHANGE AGREEMENT. AS NAS FINANCIAL PLANNING REQUIRES CLEAR UNDERSTANDING REGARDING SAS SUPPORT OF AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS AT SYMPOSIUM SITE IN USSR, NAS REQUESTS SCICOUNS SEEK

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OBTAIN SAS ASSURANCES THIS MATTER.

3. SKRYABIN CABLE JANUARY 11 TO NAS FOREIGN SECRETARY BROWN STATES "USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES KINDLY INVITES YOU TO PAY VISIT TO SOVIET UNION AS GUEST OF ACADEMY IN JANUARY - FEBRUARY." NAS SOUGHT ELUCIDATION THROUGH SOVEMBASSY WASHINGTON OF OCCASION FOR INVITATION. SOVEMBASSY REPLIED AFTER CONSULTATION WITH MOSCOW, THAT IT RESULTED FROM BROWN'S TALKS WITH VICTOR KOVDA AT NAS IN DECEMBER. PRESUMABLY, WHEN SKRYABIN SENT JANUARY 11 CABLE, SOVACADEMY VICE PRES VINOGRADOV HAD NOT YET RECEIVED BROWN'S LETTER DATED JANUARY 5 (COPY POUCHED SCICOUNS) PROVIDING NAS SUGGESTIONS RE DEVELOPING A MECHANISM TO ENABLE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO ACADEMIES AT REGULAR INTERVALS TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST AND TO REVIEW COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS. NAS DOES NOT, HOWEVER, ENVISION ONLY ONE REPRESENTATIVE TAKING PART IN SUCH MEETINGS BUT RATHER 5 OR 6 PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH ACADEMY MEETING FOR SEVERAL DAYS' DURATION, WITH FIRST MEETING TO BE HELD EITHER IN US OR USSR AT EARLIEST FEASIBLE TIME. REQUEST SCICOUNS CONVEY NAS POSITION THIS MATTER TO KORNEEV AND ADVISE RESPONSE.

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